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Classified By: Ambassador Richard W. Erdman,
for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[11](#). (C) Ambassador met with MFA Multilateral Relations Director General Belhimeur September 5 per reftel demarche, underscoring U.S. good faith efforts to reach agreement on a strong, meaningful, and detailed outcome document, urging that the Algerian delegation be instructed to work in the same flexible spirit during the negotiations, and leaving behind a non-paper.

[12](#). (C) Belhimeur claimed the Algerian delegation would work in a flexible spirit, while noting that the challenges were daunting and that it was not realistic to expect to resolve all the problems relating to UN reform either easily or soon. He described current efforts as part of a long-term process, the beginning rather than the end of the road toward reform. Not everyone would be able to agree with everything in the document or obtain everything they wanted. There would have to be compromise and governments would need to resist the temptation to throw the baby out with the bath water. The key thing at this stage was not reaching detailed agreement on all the issues, which was not realistic, but crafting a document that would broadly give a new impulse toward UN reform efforts.
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